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Dr. Greg Lee

### President honoured

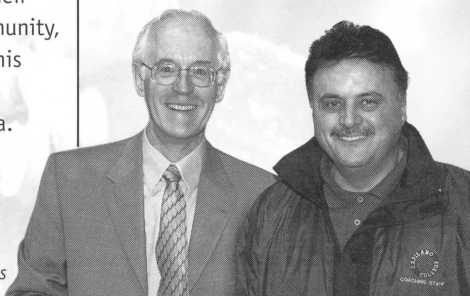
College president, **Dr. Greg Lee**, was awarded earlier this month a Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As part of the Canadian Honours System established in 1967, Commemorative medals are struck from time to time to mark important anniversaries and other great occasions. In keeping with this tradition, the Golden Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty's reign as Queen of Canada. The medal is awarded to Canadians who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community, or to Canada. Greg received his medal in a ceremony held at Government House in Victoria. Congratulations, Greg, on an honour well-deserved!

Dr. Greg Lee and Joe Iacobellis

### Recognition rewards

Food, gifts and an Elvis sighting (you had to be there) were all part of the 2002 employee recognition reception held December 12 at the North Vancouver campus. The informal event saw longtime employees mingling with recent retirees from the past year. Two new recognition categories were announced: **College Service Acknowledgement** (for support staff only), and **Customer Relations Acknowledgement** (for all College employees, including staff, faculty and administration). Nomination forms with criteria are available on the College intranet under Forms/Other, at the College reception desk, the Community Relations department, and the president's office. Completed forms must be received by the first Friday in March 2003. All nominees will be recognized. This is a great way to honour a deserving colleague.

[More photos online](#)



### close up



Dr. Lily Yen

College mathematics teacher, **Dr. Lily Yen**, has recently been named one of the coaches for Canada's International Mathematics Olympiad team. Lily received a PhD in the history of Chinese mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, where she won a prestigious William Penn fellowship. She followed that up with three years as post-doctoral fellow at the University of Waterloo. Through the contacts she made while working as a sessional lecturer at Simon Fraser University, she came to the attention of the Canadian Mathematical Society and was invited to be on the coaching team for the Mathematics Olympiad, which will be held in Tokyo next July. She hopes to be able to encourage young people, especially girls, to explore the world of math. "As a role model, I can show them that it's fun and it's possible to do math and science," she said, "even if our culture seems to convey the message that math and science are not for women." The Mathematical Olympiad initially began in Hungary in the early 1800s.

[Full story online](#)

### Dressed to show

Prepare for standing room only when fashion historian, **Ivan Sayers**, visits Capilano College on Tuesday, March 18. His Victorian fashion show, *Waisted Efforts: Beauty by Impairment, 1840s-1900*, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Cedar building, room 148. The free event is a presentation of the Women's Studies department at Capilano College as part of the Honourable Thomas A. Dohm, Q.C. lecture series. Ivan has devoted the past 30 years to preserving and teaching the history of fashion. He has established himself as an independent highly sought-after expert in the field of vintage fashion. He spends his time lecturing across North America and is considered to have one of the best collections of vintage clothing and accessories dating back as far as the 1800s. Come early. You won't want to miss this!

[More details online](#)

### Win up to \$5,000!

*Submitted by Shannon Spagnut*

Tickets for the *Opening Doors, Changing Lives* 50/50 lottery will be on sale January through April. The lottery is part of the College Foundation's capital campaign and is open to College students and employees only. Proceeds will be split equally between the winner and the Sechelt campus library. Only 500 tickets at \$20 each will be sold. They will be available at the following locations: Birch reception, Continuing Education, Capilano Students' Union and the Capilano College Foundation office. At the Sechelt and Squamish campuses, tickets will be available at the reception desk.

[More contest details online](#)

## Festive overview

Submitted by Wendy Lynn

Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas party on December 16 a success. Thanks to the College administration for hosting the party; to Facilities for all the hard work in setting up the room; to Audio Visual for the sound system; to Media Production Services for taking photographs; to Chartwells and its employees for the wonderful food; and to **Doug Loblaw** for his annual visit as Santa. A special

thanks to all individuals and departments who donated gifts for Santa's random gift giveaway. Finally, I'd like to thank the members of the Social committee (**Joan Gauthier, Bill Gibson, Val Newman, Suzanne Norman and Sue Wallster**) for organizing the party. Congratulations to **Lynne Hamilton** who won the tax receipt. We raised close to \$250 for the North Shore Christmas Bureau.



Ruth Stec visits Santa Claus (Doug Loblaw)

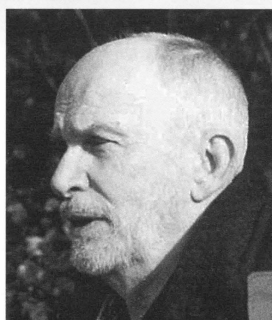
## Online application arrives

Submitted by Itidal Sadek

Starting December 11, 2002, potential students were able to apply for online admission to Capilano College. The College Web site has a direct link on its home page, which will allow students to apply via the PASBC site (Provincial Application Service of British Columbia). Online applications will be available for programs commencing in the summer of 2003 and onward. Students will also have the

opportunity to pay their application fee online using Visa or MasterCard. Thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the application process. Implementing this project has required a tremendous effort from Web Services, Computer Services, Financial Services and the Registrar's Office. Your positive encouragement has been appreciated.

*More online*



Peter Quartermain

## Koerner lecture series

Capilano College is hosting a free lecture by **Peter Quartermain**, poet and retired University of British Columbia poetry instructor, on Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the Library building, room 322. His topic, *Inventing a Life: an Autobiographical Mutter*, will reflect on the puzzles confronting the autobiographer.

Peter taught contemporary poetry and poetics at UBC for more than 30 years, retiring in 1999. He has written or edited numerous articles and several books, including *Basil Bunting: Poet of the North* (1990) and *Disjunctive Poetics* (1992). He edited with the English poet, **Richard Caddel**, *Other: British and Irish Poetry Since 1970* (1999) and, with **Rachel Blau DuPlessis**, *The Objectivist Nexus: Essays in Cultural Poetics* (1999).

## Spring into active living

Submitted by Cindy Rogers

The Wellness committee wants to encourage all College employees to live actively by offering a fun and rewarding way to track your personal fitness progress. Beginning February 3, a non-competitive fitness challenge will begin with registration in the lower cafeteria at 12:45 p.m. Employees will be encouraged to record their fitness activities on a personal training log. You can do a variety of activities, such as jogging, walking, swimming, horseback riding, etc. Each 15

minutes of activity is worth one point. You will receive a free water bottle and towel just for signing up. There will be a random draw each month for great prizes. If you are unable to make it to the lower cafeteria on February 3, you can sign up by visiting the Human Resources office in the Birch building, room 418. The program will end on April 27 with free t-shirts for those who rose to the fitness challenge!

## Hot jazz and tapas II

Hollywood knows the value in repeating a successful formula. Therefore, if you missed the first hot jazz and tapas event in Squamish last year, you won't want to miss hot jazz and tapas II on Friday, February 28. "Last year's event was a great success with about 170 people attending the fundraiser," says campus manager **Casey Dorin**. "We raised more than \$7,000 for the Linda Carney Memorial Endowment Fund." An exciting evening of entertainment in the Eagle Eye Theatre at Howe Sound Secondary School will include a silent auction, New Orleans-style food in a licensed environment, and Mother of Pearl's performance of SheBOP! SheBOP! tells the story of Canadian jazz written by women from the earliest years to the present. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Casey at 604.983.7586.

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